GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Excavations by ASI in Bihar
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by the Government for carrying out the survey of archaeological sites and their comprehensive excavation in Bihar during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government is considering any special action plan for the excavation in Nalanda and Gaya, being rich archaeological sites in Bihar; and

(c) if so, the amount proposed to be spent under the said schemes along with the time limit fixed for starting the said work?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Yes, Madam. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) have conducted excavations at following sites in Bihar during the last three years:

Name of sites Released/Utilized amount in lacs

1. Lauriya-Areraj, Distt. East Champaran 2013-14 12,90,264.00
2. Raja Bali Ka Garh, Balirajgarh, Distt. Madhubani 2013-14 15,00,000.00
3. Rukministhan, Distt. Nalanda 2014-15 9,09,676.00
4. Rukministhan Distt. Nalanda 2015-16 13,37,421.00
5. Papaur, Distt. Siwan 2015-16 2,89,273.00

(b) & (c) At present no such proposal is under consideration of the Archaeological Survey of India.